

MDPH Beach Sampling Field Data Form

| Town/City of Collection: Date Collected: Collected By: | | | | | | | | Time Delivered to Lab: Delivered By: Relinquished To: | | | | | |
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| Instructions: Collect sample(s) in areas of greatest bather load and at locations subject to contamination at a uniform depth of 3 feet. Collect samples 12 inches below water surface. Do not collect samples within 6 inches of bottom. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sample ID | Location (Note beach and sampling location) | Time of Sample | Water | | | | | Air | | | | | Observations of bathing water ⁴ |
| | | | Type: Salt/Fresh | Temp °F | Clarity ¹ C / NC | Bather Density ² | Time of Last High Tide (if applicable) | Weather ³ | Temp °F | Wind Direction | Amount of Last Rain | Days Since Rain | |
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¹ **Water Clarity:** C=Clear NC=Not Clear If reason is known, specify under observations.

² **Bather Density:** 01=(0-10 bathers) 02=(11-20 bathers) 03=(20-50 bathers) 04=(>50 bathers)

³ **Weather:** S=Sunny C=Cloudy/Overcast R=Rainy F=Foggy W=Windy

⁴ **Observations:** T=Trash WS=Waste Solids SD=Sludge Deposit O=Oils A=Algae F=Fish die-offs J=Jellyfish B=Birds D=Dogs S=Seaweed Other (Specify)

Comments:

Please Note: This form MUST be utilized upon collection of samples and filled out in its entirety. For reporting purposes, a copy must be submitted to MDPH with any lab results.